

The HUB

The Official Newsletter of American Fork City

Citizens Want to Know

New Effort Helps Keep AF Citizens Informed



Operating a city is complex. There are many issues facing communities, and many decisions that must be made to best serve its residents.

American Fork is committed to do the best it can to serve the people who live here. The mayor, council, and staff members want the residents to be aware of what is happening in the community. We will work to regularly post information about some of the items that are important, both in the short-term and for future generations.

Getting out accurate and reliable information is important to us so that residents may understand the issues and the reasons why certain decisions may be reached. For example, sometimes people complain that a road that is in relatively good condition gets “fixed” before one that is falling apart. It is a matter of economics. A road that is maintained early in its years lasts far longer than one that is neglected until it reaches failure. American Fork works to balance the road repairs and reconstruction to maximize the use of taxpayer dollars.

Some may wonder:

- Why do we allow new development when water is scarce?
- Doesn't the city have lots of money? Why aren't there more improvements?
- Where do my tax dollars go?
- Who is watching over how money is spent?
- What is the PARC tax and how does the city decide how the PARC tax money is allocated?

Whether your question is about roads, water, property tax, utility rates, or any of other numerous possibilities, we want to relay the facts to you. Not just propaganda, but the whole story.

In the coming months we will be providing more informative articles on important issues and offering more ways for our residents to ask questions and get informed.

One of the first topics to be addressed is our roads. That is complex, and will probably take several times to talk about the various portions of the issue.

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Office Numbers

Administration	801-763-3000
Public Works	801-763-3060
Library	801-763-3070
Fitness Center	801-763-3080
Senior Center	801-763-3090

Non-Emergency

Police	801-763-3020
Fire & Rescue	801-763-3045

On-Call / After-Hour

Water/Pressurized	801-404-1253
Sewer/Storm Drain	801-404-7167
Streets	801-404-1255
Garbage	801-924-8500
Street Lights	801-814-4311



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Talk Shop With a Cop

Pushing Back on Human Trafficking

Human Trafficking is gaining a lot of awareness recently and our police have successfully prosecuted a case that originated in American Fork and neighboring cities. Human Trafficking involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain some type of labor, domestic servitude, or to further a commercial sex-related business. Human trafficking is modern-day slavery and is the exploitation of another human being.

According to the Department of Homeland Security, millions of men, women, and children are trafficked worldwide, including in the United States. It can happen in any community and the victims can be of any age, race, gender, or nationality. Those who engage in human trafficking may use violence, threats, manipulation, or false promises of employment or romantic relationships to lure victims into human trafficking. Human traffickers are expert manipulators and are skilled at looking for those who are vulnerable for a variety of reasons, including psychological or emotional vulnerability, economic hardship, a lack of social safety net, etc.

Someone may be in trouble and due to the trauma of those in control the victim may not look for help, even when in a public place. Below are some potential indicators that someone may be in trouble:

- Does the person appear disconnected from family, friends, community organizations, or houses of worship?
- Has a child stopped attending school?

- Has the person had a sudden or dramatic change in behavior?
- Is the person disoriented or confused, or showing signs of mental or physical abuse?
- Does the person have bruises in various stages of healing?
- Is the person fearful, timid, or submissive?
- Does the person show signs of having been denied food, water, sleep, or medical care?
- Is the person often in the company of someone to whom he or she defers? Or someone who seems to be in control of the situation, e.g., where they go or who they talk to?
- Does the person appear to be coached on what to say?
- Does the person lack personal possessions and appear not to have a stable living situation?
- Does the person have freedom of movement? Can the person freely leave where they live? Are there unreasonable security measures?

Many of these points are also indicators of abuse. The presence of these signs are indicators and not conclusive evidence of human trafficking or criminal activity.

There are many things you can do to reduce your chances of becoming a victim of human trafficking.



- Be aware of your surroundings
- Use vigilance and caution online and when meeting people that you don't know
- Be careful what photos, videos, and information you share online, so you are not targeted in the first place.
- Meet in public places and stay in groups.
- Keep your ID, passports, and finances in a safe location.
- Stay in well-lit areas. Some people, especially women, have been forcibly kidnapped while walking the streets and while in public nationwide. This has not happened locally.

If you have concerns contact your local police department. If you feel the situation is urgent or dangerous please contact the Chief of Police or a Lieutenant at the police department.

You are encouraged to contact the police department if you have any questions; e-mails may be sent to policetalkshop@afc.city.net. Depending on the number and type of questions received, your question may be answered via the city newsletter, e-mail, or phone call.

Become an Expert Recycler

When it comes to recycling at home, everyone has a part to play. Beginning with your diligent sorting of materials, and our efficient recycling pickup, we can make sure recyclable materials are handled properly.



For more information on recyclables, visit RepublicServices.com

Recyclable

Paper

Newspaper
Envelopes
Junk mail
Phone books
Brochures
Magazines
Cardboard
Ream wrappers
File folders
Poster board
Frozen food boxes
Cardboard boxes
Milk cartons

Plastic

Water bottles
Take-out containers
Soda bottles

Aluminum/Metal

Aluminum beverage cans
Food cans
Scrap metal

Non-recyclable

Aerosol cans
Aluminum foil
Batteries
Clothing
Food waste
Napkins
Mirrors
Ceramic
Plastic bags
Shredded paper
Stickers/Address labels
Tissue
Styrofoam
Paper towels
Glass windows
Pyrex

Know the Code: **Pets**

In this series we will be discussing specific parts of the city code that are useful for residents to know. This month's topic will be animals, specifically pets.

TITLE 6: ANIMALS

Title 6 of the City Municipal Code deals with animals and includes sections for keeping bees or chickens (but not roosters), owning wild or exotic animals, or managing a dog or cat run. Below focuses on Chapter 4, Animal Control.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Dogs must be on a leash at all times when not within an enclosed private property. Sec 6.04.090. This includes regular city parks.

Animals cannot unreasonably disturb the public's peace and quiet by emanating excessive, continuous, or untimely noise, as defined in Sec 6.04.180

With only a few exceptions, the owner of any dog shall obtain a license for the animal within thirty days after the dog reaches the age of four months, or, in the case of a dog over four months, within ten days of the acquisition of the dog. Licenses must be renewed annually. Sec 6.04.050

You may license your pet at the City offices, the North Utah Valley Animal Shelter, or certain veterinary clinics. The cost for licensing



ranges from \$15 to \$95 per year. Failure to license will result in a citation or possibly impounding of the dog.

While there is nothing in the animal section regarding waste control, in Title 12; Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places, it states it is unlawful on streets, sidewalks and public places to litter various items, including refuse matter. This means the owner of an animal is responsible to pick up any waste their pet produces. Sec 12.12.090

The owner shall attach a rabies tag to a collar or harness for the animal, and shall see to it that the collar and the tag is constantly worn. Failure to attach the tag as provided shall constitute a violation, which includes a mandatory court appearance. Development Code. Sec 6.04.060

For questions regarding animal issues you may contact the City Code Enforcement Officer at **801-763-3020**.

No matter how you 'slice' it, family time is important!

Communities That Care released a video this month showing the importance of eating family meals together. It's been proven that children who eat dinner with their families 5-7 times a week are 33% less likely to be involved in underage drinking. That's a pretty impressive reduction that can come from something as simple as mealtime.

With COVID-19, families are spending more time together than ever before. Try to find ways to have that time be quality time. Kids who feel bonded to their parents are much less likely to be involved in risky behaviors and our Facebook page is full of ideas for family bonding activities. Build a fort in your living room, find constellations

in the sky, try a science experiment together, put on a play together, or maybe try making some homemade pizza like they did in the Communities That Care video.



Check out video by visiting
<http://bit.ly/AFCommunitiesCare>

American Fork City Library Offers Home Resources During COVID-19

Distance Learning, Information and Entertainment

Utah's Online Library includes OverDrive, newspapers, magazines, genealogy help, auto repair manuals, and so much more! Over 50 databases to help you out during quarantine. Check out Learning Express for help with elementary, middle, & high school classes, as well as several software tutorials.

Coronavirus: A Book for Children

Available as a free download at Candlewick.com This informative and accessible guide for young readers defines the coronavirus, explains why everyday routines have been disrupted, and lays out how everyone can do their part to help. With child-appropriate answers and explanations, the book addresses key questions, like: How do you catch coronavirus and what happens if you have it? Why are people so worried about it? Is there a cure? Why do we have to stay home? What can I do to help? And what happens next?

Scholastic Learn at Home: Free Resources for School Closures for grades PreK-9.

www.TumbleBookLibrary.com - K-6 children's ebook database.

www.TumbleMath.com - K-6 math ebook database.

www.TeenBookCloud.com - gr 7-12 ebook database.

www.AudioBookCloud.com - all ages audio book database.

Girls Who Code At Home - for students ages 9-18, all genders (despite the name).

Audible Stories - educational and entertaining audiobook content for kids, teens, and families.

World Book Online - Distance learning resources, including science projects, trivia quizzes, maps, WebQuests, and lots more!

The Center for Puppetry Arts is offering Workshops, Museum Tours & Puppet Shows **artsandculture.google.com** where you can virtually walk through thousands of cultural sites.



Mental Health Resources

Utah Statewide Crisis Line in association with the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255 Call 24/7 to speak to a licensed crisis counselor if you or a loved one are having thoughts of suicide, are experiencing an emotional or mental health crisis, or are feeling overwhelmed and need support.

Mobile Crisis Outreach Teams (MCOT)

Triaged and dispatched through the Utah Statewide CrisisLine by calling 1-800-273-8255, teams are available for dispatch in Salt Lake, Davis, Weber, and Utah counties, and the southwest region of Utah, including St. George and surrounding cities. Due to COVID-19, crisis counselors on the CrisisLine will ask health screening questions to determine if an in-person or telehealth response is most beneficial. MCOT staff may wear the CDC's recommended universal precautions to include goggles, masks, gloves, and gowns to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our community and health care workforce.

SafeUT (Crisis Chat and School Safety Tip app)

The SafeUT Crisis Chat and Tip Line is a statewide service that provides real-time crisis intervention to youth (public K-12 and higher education) through live chat and a confidential tip program - right from your smartphone. Licensed crisis counselors are available 24/7 to respond to all incoming chats, tips, and calls by providing supportive or crisis counseling, suicide prevention, and referral services. Support is also available to parents and educators of students in public

K-12 and higher education. Free and available for download from the Google Play Store and the App Store.

SafeUTNG (Crisis Chat and Safety Tip app for Utah's Army and Air National Guard service members, family members, and personnel)

As an extension of SafeUT, the SafeUTNG app provides a safe and confidential platform to communicate with a licensed crisis counselor 24/7. Users can text, submit a tip, or call to receive support. The app is operated and managed by the University of Utah Neuropsychiatric Institute (UNI) in partnership with the Utah National Guard. Licensed mental health professionals can assist with a variety of issues including: emotional crisis, grief and loss, drug and alcohol issues, mental health issues, self-harm, suicide prevention, and safety concerns. Free and available for download from the Google Play Store and the App Store.

Utah Coronavirus Information Line: 1-800-456-7707 This Utah Coronavirus Information hotline is a central resource for the public's questions about COVID-19 in Utah. Visit coronavirus.utah.gov for more information.

Disaster Distress Helpline operated by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA): 1-800-985-5990

A 24/7 national hotline dedicated to providing immediate crisis counseling for people seeking emotional help in the aftermath of a disaster (to include public health emergencies). People can also access services by texting TalkWithUs to 66746.